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THE PINCHOT MATTER.

It was no surprise to the public that Gifford Pinchot was removed by President Taft from his office as chief forester. It was the obvious and only thing to do on the part of the president, and, of course, no one recognizes this fact better than Mr. Pinchot himself.

Mr. Pinchot thinks that the affairs of the department are in such condition as to demand the most searching investigation. That he is honest and sincere and is working only for the public service, as he sees it, no one doubts.

As to the president's position on the general policy of the department and on the policy of conservation we do not know. He may be right. As to the merits of the Pinchot policy we do not know.

As to Ballinger's fitness to carry out any honest policy in the interests of the nation it is the duty of congress to determine. The people, aided by Mr. Pinchot, have forced the issue.

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so as to make the situation more acute and perhaps thereby insure a more thorough investigation. This investigation will soon be on and we hope the committee will not wield the whitewash brush for anybody, but probe to the bottom.

RAILWAY STATIONS.

The railways, it may be gathered from a recent speech of President Finley, of the Southern Railway, before the American Institute of Architects, are awakening to the desire to have depots or railway stations built on harmonious lines and in fitting architectural design for the purposes for which they are intended to be used.

"I believe that an impression of the fitness of a building for the use to which it is to be put is one of the most important factors in attaining architectural effect. The treatment of the exterior of a passenger station should be such as to produce a distinctive building, so that the stranger approaching it need not be told that it is a railway station.

OLD AGE PENSION.

In England there is quite a lot of agitation on the old age pension question and it is receiving support from all classes and seems to be a non-partisan measure. The question has been brought up for discussion several times in this country, but it does not receive the support and sympathy it has received in England and other European countries.

That every boy and girl, on attaining the age of 15 years, shall receive a pension book of the value of \$33, to form part of the capital which, at the age of 55, shall produce his or her pension.

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That married women shall have their pension accounts credited with \$5 for each of their children attaining the age of 5 years. That every act of heroism and everything to the advantage of the individual shall be recorded in the pension book.

Judge Allen Will Not Resign.

To the Editor of The Times: The statement from Durham, published in the Raleigh Evening Times, that Judge Allen intends to resign as judge of the superior court, is without foundation. I am authorized to say that he has never said or intimated that he would do so.

I supported Governor Kitchin earnestly for governor, but do not see in this any reason for not exercising my own judgment in the selection of an associate justice of the supreme court. I know of many men in the state who supported Governor Kitchin who entertain the same view.

M. T. DICKINSON. Goldsboro, Jan. 8, 1910.

For World Peace.

Secretary of State Knox has addressed a circular note to the powers with a view to making international arbitration judicial in fact as well as judicial in theory. He proposes that the jurisdiction of The Hague court be extended so as to make it a court of arbitral justice.

The object of the court is to settle all differences between the powers peacefully and without recourse to war. This note of Secretary Knox is meeting with approval in this country. Indeed some such sort of arrangement has been discussed for years.

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A cause that is contributing toward universal peace is the high taxes that invariably accompany and follow a war. France and Germany has suffered from war taxes, and as a result the socialists, whose program has been lower taxes, have gained a powerful hold.

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